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FM USINT BAGHDAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1841

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJECT: STATE OF TENNESSEE TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 065407; (B) CAIRO 3127 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION ADVANCE MAN DR. ABDALLAH M. ISA VISITED
USINT BRIEFLY MARCH 31.

2. ACCORDING ISA, TENNESSEE MISSION LIKELY EITHER
TO BE POSTPONED TILL SEPTEMBER 1975 OR COMPLETED
IN TWO PHASES WITH MAY VISITS TO IRAQ, UAE AND KUWAIT
FOLLOWED BY SEPTEMBER VISITS TO IRAN, EGYPT AND
ELSEWHERE.

3. USINT TOLD ISA WE SKEPTICAL THAT, PRIOR TO RESUMPTION
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, MISSION TO BAGHDAD COULD RECEIVE
KIND OF FORMAL, OFFICIAL GOI RECEPTION AND
SPONSORSHIP (INCLUDING PROVISION OF LODGINGS) WHICH
HE SEEMS TO ENVISAGE. USINT THEREFORE INTRODUCED HIM
TO REPUTABLE PRIVATE SECTOR CONTACT MAN IN
CASE MORE HUMDRUM SCENARIO PROVES NECESSARY.

4. AS FAR AS IRAQ AND USINT WOKLOAD ARE CONCERNED,
MAY VISIT BY MISSION IS FEASIBLE. BUT MIGHT BE BETTER
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TO DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER IN ORDER ALLOW GROUP DO BADLY
NEEDED HOMEWORK ON IRAQ AND DEVELOP BROADER RANGE OF

CONTACTS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. CURRENT MISSION APPROACH
MAY BE NEEDLESSLY IMPROVISED AND OVERHASTY.
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